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1. MISSION IS CURRENTLY IN THE PROCESS OF PREPARING FOR THE 34TH SESSION OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION, A FIVE-WEEK CONFERENCE BEGINNING FEBRUARY 6. ONE OF THE ISSUES WHICH HAS SURFACED DURING OUR DELIBERATIONS IS THE NEED FOR A SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE OF REPRESENTATIONAL FUNDS OVER THE AMOUNT PROVIDED TO THE U.S. DEL IN 1977 (\$400). DEPARTMENT WILL RECALL THAT REPRESENTATION FUNDING LAST YEAR DID NOT COVER COST OF NECESSARY FUNCTIONS, EVEN THOUGH THESE EVENTS WERE OF THE MOST MODEST KIND.

2. THE MISSION VIEWS THESE FUNCTIONS AS OF KEY IMPORTANCE IN NEGOTIATING WITH OTHER DELEGATIONS ON ISSUES IMPORTANT TO THE U.S. IF THE U.S. IS TO EFFECT CHANGES IN THE HUMAN RIGHTS AREA, A GREAT DEAL OF TIME IS NEEDED TO LOBBY DELEGATIONS IN ORDER TO SECURE THEIR SUPPORT. THIS IS SOMETIMES DONE BEST AT SMALL LUNCHEONS AND/OR RECEPTIONS. AN ADDITIONAL FACTOR TO BE CONSIDERED WHEN MAKING THE ALLOTMENT THIS YEAR IS THE DECLINE OF THE DOLLAR IN RELATION TO THE SWISS FRANC (FROM 2.55 LAST MARCH TO 1.96 TODAY).

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3. WE WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF THE DEPARTMENT WOULD TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION THE ABOVE ISSUES WHEN MAKING FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR THIS YEAR'S HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION SESSION.
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